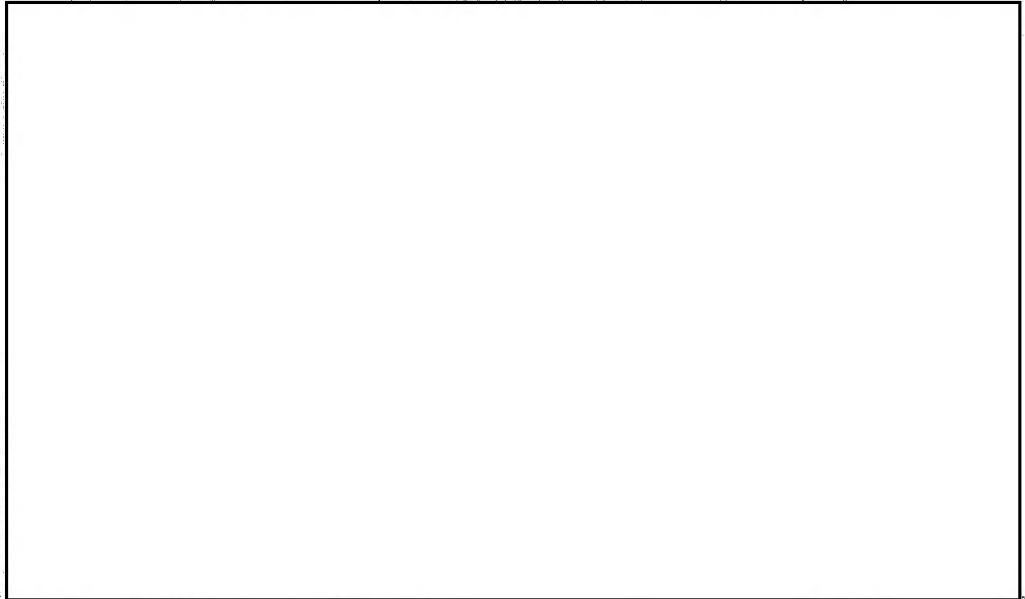


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Atomic/Biological/Chemical Division, OSI

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID(NPIC)

SUBJECT: Search for Lead Boxes, Cuba

REFERENCES: Requirement No. C-SIJ-80,330  
CIA Project No. C 915-63

1. A search was made of Sigüanea, and Nueva Gerona, Isla de Pinos, Cuba, on BRASS KNOB missions [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for heavy lead-type boxes which were reportedly [REDACTED] in transit or in storage on the Isla de Pinos. The photography is of good quality, but a gap in coverage of the Isla de Pinos exists from [REDACTED]

2. Although there is a large quantity of equipment associated with the Sigüanea Cruise Missile Site and surface-to-air missile sites, it was not possible to distinguish any "lead boxes" from this equipment. In the Nueva Gerona area there was little military activity observed, and no lead boxes could be located. The ferry boat which supposedly transported the lead boxes from Surgidero de Batabano to Nueva Gerona can be located on the following missions: [REDACTED] the ferry is docked at Batabano, Habana Province, Cuba; Mission [REDACTED] the ferry is tied up at Nueva Gerona; Mission [REDACTED] the ferry is possibly at Nueva Gerona; Mission [REDACTED] the ferry is at Batabano. At Sigüanea port, neither large vessels nor the ferry were observed on the missions interpreted.

3. The photo analyst on this project was [REDACTED] He may be contacted on extension [REDACTED] should you have further questions regarding the project. This memorandum completed the referenced requirement.

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